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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

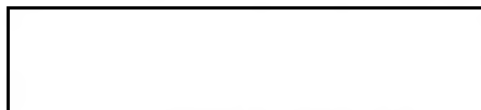
SUBJECT : Survey of Requirements for Operational Clearances  
(I, O, C, A)

1. Serious concern has been expressed as to the number of individuals cleared for certain ultra-sensitive operational projects (I, O, C, A) for which this Office has been delegated the responsibility for operational security.

2. In order to reaffirm the "need-to-know" of individuals currently possessing clearances for these projects, we have initiated a review of the total number of these clearances by organization. It is noted that a considerable number of individuals in the NPIC quite naturally have been cleared for these projects. In order to eliminate the necessity of reviewing "need-to-know" each time an individual is proposed for an operational clearance, serious consideration is being given to the establishment of a billet structure.

3. Before initiating action, however, in the direction of approving such a billet structure for the NPIC, it would be necessary for this Office to review the total clearance picture. It would be appreciated, therefore, if this Office could be provided with an organizational breakdown of NPIC reflecting the individuals in each appropriate component possessing these operational clearances.

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